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SUBJ: FRONTIER REACTIONS TO BHUTTO'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST AF-
GHANISTAN AND INDIA

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL PESHAWAR

SUMMARY: BHUTTO'S SUPPORTERS IN NWFP ACCEPT HIS CHARGES
OF INDIAN-AFGHAN CONSPIRACY AGAINST PAKISTAN WITH SOME
RESERVATIONS, WHILE OPPONENTS BELIEVE HE FABRICATED THEM.
BUSINESSMEN FEEL GOP HAS DECEIVED THEM BY RELEASING MIS-
LEADING STORIES OF AFGHAN ECONOMIC MOVES AGAINST PAKISTAN.
PUBLIC IS ALSO CONFUSED OVER PRIMIN'S LINKING OF ANTI-
AHMADIYA AGITATION TO ALLEGED FOREIGN CONSPIRACY AND OVER
RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTINUING SERIES OF BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN
PESHAWAR AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. REACTIONS IN PESHAWAR TO PRIMIN BHUTTO'S RECENT ANTI-
AFGHAN SPEECHES, HIS STATEMENTS ABOUT INDIAN AND AFGHAN
TROOP MOVEMENTS AND ALLEGATIONS ABOUT AN INTERNATIONAL CON-
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SPIRACY TO DISMEMBER PAKISTAN HAVE FOLLOWED PREDICTABLE

PATTERN.

2. FRONTIER SUPPORTERS OF PRIMIN IN PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AND QAIYUM MUSLIM LEAGUE FOR MOST PART HAVE ACCEPTED BHUTTO'S DEFINITION OF CRISIS AT FACE VALUE, BUT SOME CONCEDED TO REPORTER THAT PRIMIN MAY HAVE GIVEN SLIGHTLY DISTORTED PICTURE OF RECENT EVENTS BY LINKING ANTI-AHMADIYA AGITATION WITH INTERNATIONAL PLOT AGAINST PAKISTAN. MEMBERS OF NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY AND THEIR OTHER OPPOSITION ALLIES, AS WELL AS MOST CONSULATE'S NON-PARTY CONTACTS ARE CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT PRIMIN HIMSELF FABRICATED PRESENT CRISIS WITH AIM OF DIVERTING ATTENTION OF PAKISTANIS--ESPECIALLY PUNJABIS-- FROM THEIR SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IT IS ALSO WIDELY BELIEVED IN OPPOSITION CIRCLES THAT PRIMIN DECIDED TO CONSUME UP THREAT FROM INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN IN AN EFFORT TO WEAKEN ANTI-AHMADIYA FORCES BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

3. ONE MAJOR CRITICISM OF PRIMIN MADE BY NAP LEADER WALI KHAN AND OTHER OPPOSITION LEADERS IS THAT PRIMIN CHOSE TO PUBLICIZE ALLEGED FOREIGN TROOP MOVEMENTS AND PLOTS AGAINST PAKISTAN IN STATEMENTS TO NEW YORK TIMES AND IN SPEECHES IN NWFP BEFORE HE TOLD MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ABOUT THREATS TO PAKISTAN'S SECURITY.

4. AS EVIDENCE THAT GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DECEIVING PUBLIC ABOUT NATURE OF THREAT FROM AFGHANISTAN IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE CRISIS ATMOSPHERE, OPPOSITION--AS WELL AS SOME LEADING BUSINESSMEN OF PESHAWAR--HAVE POINTED OUT THAT RECENT GOVERNMENT INSPIRED PRESS STORIES INDICATING THAT AFGHANISTAN HAS BEEN CONDUCTING AN ECONOMIC WAR AGAINST PAKISTAN HAVE NO BASIS IN FACT. LOCAL LEADERS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAY THEY WERE MISLED BY GOVERNMENT INTO BELIEVING FOR ALMOST A WEEK THAT GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN HAD IMPOSED A PROHIBITIVE TAX ON PAKISTANI FRUIT ENTERING AFGHANISTAN.

5. AS FAR AS THE CONSULATE CAN DETERMINE, RECENT CRISIS HAS LEFT AVERAGE CITIZEN OF PESHAWAR SOMEWHAT BAFFLED AS TO WHAT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN HAPPENING AND UNCERTAIN ABOUT WHO HAS DONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHAT TO WHOM. PARTICULARLY CONFUSING TO MANY PESHAWARIS WERE PRIMIN'S STATEMENTS LINKING THE RABWAH INCIDENTS TO AFGHAN AND INDIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS AND TO WALI KHAN'S TALKS WITH AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAUD. FROM NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH EDUCATED AND UNEDUCATED ALIKE, REPORTER LEARNED THAT WHILE MANY PEOPLE HERE BELIEVE CORRECTLY THAT PRIMIN IN HIS SPEECHES ACCUSED THE ANTI-AHMADIYA FORCES, LED BY JEMIATUL ULEMA-I-ISLAM CHIEF MUFTI MAHMOOD, OF ACTING

IN CONCERT WITH INDIANS AND AFGHANS TO UNDERMINE PAKISTAN'S SECURITY, MANY OTHERS ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT PRIMIN ACTUALLY SINGLED OUT AHMADIYAS THEMSELVES AS CULPRITS WHO HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN ANTI-PAKISTAN CONSPIRACY.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC IN NWFP REMAINS EQUALLY CONFUSED ABOUT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SERIES OF BOMB EXPLOSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE IN PESHAWAR AND NEARBY TOWNS WITH REGULAR FREQUENCY SINCE ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE. SEVERAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS INCLUDING HOME MINISTER SHERPAO HAVE PUBLICLY ACCUSED NAP OF BEING RESPONSIBLE, FOR BOMB BLASTS, WHILE OTHER GOVERNMENT SYMPATHIZERS HAVE BEEN STATING PRIVATELY THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT EXPLOSIONS CAUSED BY AFGHAN AGENTS. NAP LEADERS, OF COURSE, DENY ACCUSATIONS, BUT SOME PERSONS NORMALLY SYMPATHETIC TO NAP CONCEDE THAT EITHER AFGHAN AGENTS OR YOUNG NAP MILITANTS MIGHT BE SETTING OFF BOMBS. MOST OF EXPLOSIONS HAVE CAUSED VERY LITTLE PROPERTY DAMAGE AND ONE SO FAR HAS REULTED IN PERSONAL INJURY.
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